

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 500

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Lawrence Jones, Sr., of Chester County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert Lawrence Jones, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jones was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on August 22, 1913, in Madison County, Robert Lawrence Jones, Sr., was a highly successful farmer, who worked alongside his father when he was just a boy and drove bales of cotton to the Hicksville Gin at the age of eight; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from farming, Mr. Jones joined a bowling league and continued to bowl for many years. He also became active in the Tennessee Senior Olympics and holds the state record for his age group in three sports; and

WHEREAS, in June 2017, Robert Jones was inducted into the inaugural class of the Tennessee Senior Olympic Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, an active part of his community, Mr. Jones was a member of Masonic Lodge 485 for sixty-eight years and served many times as an officer of the membership of No. 120 Order of the Eastern Star; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of nearly seventy years, Moselle Arnold Jones, who preceded him in death, and he was the proud father of Loretta (Charles) Haggard, Eudora (Jerry) Myrick, and Robert Lawrence Jones, Jr. (Gloria); and

WHEREAS, he will be sadly mourned but fondly remembered by his eleven grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and sixteen great-great-grandchildren and their spouses and children; and

WHEREAS, Robert Jones leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Lawrence Jones, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Jones.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.